

Bloomfield Record.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., JAN. 30, 1873.

Legislation.

It is good to have a well-developed organ of caution; an old maxim reads: "Believe all men to be rogues, until you prove them to be honest." Few people and no truly honest persons get offended when watched closely, knowing as they do that right is pretty sure to turn out right. We hope none of the worthy gentlemen comprising our Town Committee will get miffed when the heat of debate suggest the possibility of their being bought up by a Gas Company.

In the bill submitted on Tuesday evening to the tax-payers of Bloomfield—an instrument drawn up probably under the supervision of the Town Committee, there was nothing to indicate that they wish to have conferred upon them extraordinary latitude in the range of their duties. Nor did it appear that the Committee had been influenced by the Gas Company in framing the bill. There if nothing in it that would prevent the lamps from being lighted by any other Company's gas. The Town Committee deserve credit for presenting to the citizens a bill which could be accepted with so few amendments. The bill could have been introduced in the Legislature without coming before a meeting of tax-payers, but, we understand, they preferred that it should be freely discussed—hence the call for the meeting on Tuesday night.

These discussions of our town affairs are a good feature, and the gentlemen who took part in it at the late meeting are to be commended for promoting a free interchange of opinion.

Dr. Grenville M. Weeks.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Gen. Walker, as Commissioner of Indian Affairs has not yet been filled. We are glad to learn that our former fellow townsman, Dr. G. M. Weeks, is prominently urged for the place. The following paragraph from the Newark Daily Advertiser of the 23d inst., expressed, undoubtedly, the sentiment of this town. We shall be proud to see the place filled by one so eminently worth of it.

Among the names of candidates for the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that of Dr. Grenville M. Weeks, formerly of Bloomfield, in this county, stands prominent. By nature, education and experience, Dr. Weeks is eminently qualified for the place. He has been among the Indians, and for a long time studied their habits and condition. One of the most practical plans for the solution of the Indian question was embodied in a report to the Secretary of the Interior and Congress by a Committee of the U. S. Senate. This report is largely the work of Dr. Weeks. Many of our readers will remember him as having been attached to the original Monitor, as surgeon, at the time of her loss, and having suffered an injury to his right arm which disabled him for life. Strenuous efforts are being made in his favor by eminent philanthropists, divines and public men. The appointment of our fellow Jerseyman would secure an able and worthy man at the head of Indian Affairs.

Lo the Poor Indian!

No doubt the United States forces will eventually be able to dislodge the Modoc warriors from their rocky fastnesses and return the remnant of them to Oregon. But the scenes and circumstances of these encounters between the white man and the red, are sad in their contemplation. The Indians, we are told, fight with the greatest desperation, and are bound by an oath to die on their old hunting grounds rather than starve and freeze on a Government reservation. No doubt these poor savages are sincere in their warfare, and consider themselves greatly wronged. But the tide of empire rolls on toward the golden gate, the Modocs must give up their fertile valleys to civilization, and betake themselves to their chilly reservation away to the north.

An attempt was made in October last to return them, but they resisted. The Federal forces gathered around them on the 28th of November, and opened fire upon their camp. The fire was returned, a battle ensued, the troops were beaten, and the Modocs retreated to an impracticable mountain fastness and dared the white warriors to follow them thither. The regular forces, not large at the beginning, have been reinforced by a small band of volunteers, but as yet have made no impression upon the savages, who agree to surrender upon the one condition, and that only, of being permitted to occupy their original hunting ground.

The Credit Mobilier Investigation continues to occupy much space in the daily papers. The study of these reports is interesting as showing the diversity of opinion in the papers of each of the political parties, and in others that belong to both or neither. This from yesterday's Herald is one side: "Judge Poland's Investigating Committee spent three hours to-day in tramping upon the political corpses of Brooks, Garfield, Kelley and Colfax. Oakes Ames acted as undertaker and drove the last nail into the coffins of the distinguished dead. James Brooks' ghost is not content to rest in peace, but revisited to-day the scene of its torture, in order to make another statement, which did not materially change the case of the deceased."

A Birmingham horse-car was put on runners last week, and the experiment was entirely satisfactory.

Utilizing Ghosts.

It is a proverbial trait of the American character to utilize everything. We, as a people, are given to economizing labor in a thousand ways, as our Patent Office reports abundantly testify. Even nature must contribute to this mania for utility, an illustration of which we have in a neighboring town, whose busy work-shops, driven by spinning turbines have robbed the once beautiful Passaic Falls of their pristine grandeur. Another illustration of more recent date occurs to our mind—a late railway litigation, wherein a witness testified that in making a cut, they didn't fully complete the work, but left an abrupt bank on each side which the action of the elements would, in the course of time, wash down, and thus form the required slope. A lawyer took advantage of this testimony and made his point by turning the joke on the company by saying they were trying to get nature to build their road for them.

Later still, in a travesty entitled, "An Epidemic of Ghosts," which appeared (not the goblins) in Monday's Times, it is jokingly suggested that the selectmen of Massachusetts, turn to useful account—the Newburyport school-boy and the red-headed Rowley apparition that is midnightly seen shoveling paths in the snow. Says the Times:

That the sidewalks should be cleared without expense, even by ghostly shovels, is of course by no means objectionable to the thrifty New England mind. The exasperating part of the affair, however, is that in the morning the shoveled snow is found to be carefully replaced upon the sidewalk, and the ghost's labors are thus productive of nothing but disappointment and vexation.

Massachusetts has done a great work in educating the nation, and such is the spirit of her people that there is probably no existing institution or custom which they are not ready to modify and improve.

The improvement of other people's affairs is, however, sometimes an unappreciated task, why should not the people of Massachusetts undertake the excellent work of utilizing these domestic ghosts? If the towns and villages of the State are to swarm with supernatural visitors, it would be a disgrace to the industries. Yankee should be permitted a pack of idle ghosts to lounge about the streets without engaging in any useful occupation. That the Rowley ghost can perform really useful work is proved by the skill with which he shovels snow. The selectmen need only encourage him in this course, and compel him, either by persuasion or force, not to undo his work by shoveling the snow back again, in order to utilize in a substantial way the spectral street-cleaner. Similarly, the ghostly small boy of Newburyport might be induced to frighten the pupils, and thus keep them in order, instead of irritating the school-mistress and provoking her to unseemly wrath. It is, however, hardly necessary to suggest to a New England population that its ghosts ought to be turned to some good purpose. If the ghosts of Newburyport and Rowley should prove to be only the earlier cases of a coming epidemic of ghosts, we may be sure that the ingenious people of Massachusetts will find some way in which to make the ghosts useful, and to turn a variety of honest pennies by cheap ghostly labor.

GENERAL NEWS.

Rev. E. P. Hammond, the noted "revivalist," is in Keokuk, Ia.

Rev. Adam Sedgwick, the English geologist, is dead. He was eighty-five years old.

The Samana Bay Company proposes to purchase several steamers at once, and predict that San Domingo will become a resort for invalids.

The first reports of great loss of life in Minnesota appear to have been exaggerated, the corrected lists greatly reducing the number of casualties.

For ten days before the date appointed for the execution of Stokes and Foster, two deputy sheriffs will be constantly on the watch to prevent escape or suicide.

The National Theatre at Washington, D.C., was burned on Tuesday. Loss estimated at \$100,000. The fire is said to have originated through defective heating apparatus.

A worthy old farmer, who was being worried in his cross-examination by a lawyer in Maine, exclaimed: "Look here, squire, don't you ask a good many foolish questions?"

Pratt's Astral Oil Works in Brooklyn, N. Y., were destroyed by fire on Sunday night, involving a loss of about \$60,000. Between 5000 and 6000 barrels of oil were consumed.

William-Lawn, a sewing machine agent, was murdered by Thomas Stoley, a saloon keeper, in Shawnee, Perry county, Ohio, on Monday evening, because he refused to pay for drinks.

Asiatic quail have been received in San Francisco from China with the view of their domestication in California. A proof of the hardness of the bird is that during the passage none died.

The bill abolishing the franking privilege after the 1st of July next, with the Senate amendments, was passed by the House on Monday. Thus this venerable perquisite is gone, and probably forever.

Four men have been sentenced within a few days to be hanged for murder, viz.: William Foster in New York, John R. Johnson in New Haven, Charles A. Russell in San Francisco and A. J. Perfect in Chicago.

Several applications have been made to the President and Secretary of War, from persons in Oregon and California, for authority to raise troops and engage in war with the Modoc Indians, but all requests of this character have been declined by the Government.

Edward Mills, an employee of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, at Scranton, Penn., while engaged on Sunday in disconnecting the machinery in the rolling mill, was caught in the gearing and instantly crushed to death.

There have been slight eruptions from Mount Vesuvius the past few days. No damage has been done, but the residents of the villages at the foot of the volcano, who suffered so severely from the last eruption, are greatly alarmed.

The House of Representatives of Illinois has adopted a resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose and vote against any project to increase the salary of the President, or any other officer of the Government.

There are four hundred laborers filling in Harsimus Cove preparatory to the erection of the immense depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The amount to be expended on projected improvements, including the proposed tunneling of Bergen Hill, is nearly \$10,000,000.

A severe earthquake took place in Salvador, Central America, on the 28th of December last. It caused some damage to the church and houses in the town of Chinameca, and even some lives are said to have been lost. An eruption of the volcano of San Vicente is given as the immediate cause.

The Grand Jury of the U. S. District Court in session at Albany have indicted Susan B. Anthony and fifteen other ladies, charging them with voting illegally in Rochester. They are to appear before the Court in that city in May next. Indictments were also found against the three inspectors who received their votes.

The Post-offices in Hockessin and Kaolin, Del., are two miles apart, but a letter posted in the former for the latter must now, under the mail arrangements, first be taken to Wilmington, fifteen miles; then to Philadelphia, twenty-eight miles; thence to Avondale, forty miles, and then to Kaolin, its destination, twelve miles more.

No complimentary tickets for the coming Inauguration Ball. The President, Vice-President, and Cabinet will be present as invited guests without need of tickets. Everybody else, Senators, Representatives, Foreign Ministers and journalists, will have to pay the price, \$20, which will pay for the admission of a gentleman and two ladies.

The oldest man in America is George Le Barre whose age is one hundred and fifteen. He resides in Pennsylvania near Stroudsburg. He has been interviewed by a Herald reporter, who also met his youngest daughter, who is described as a lively lass of seventy-six. Mr. Le Barre when a youth shook hands with Washington, and was too old for the war of 1812.

Xenia, Ohio, has a ghost. His mission seems to be to build phantom fires in the highways of the town, but when the morning comes there are no traces of fire visible where during the night a bright light was to be seen. "Solid men" of Xenia have seen him, and though the night be cold and rainy he wanders to and fro, coatless, and wringing his hands. The sensation caused by this visitation is a genuine one in the lucky town, and a committee of the Common Council of Xenia will be appointed to investigate the mystery.

STATE NEWS.

Henry Broome was run over and killed by an eastern-bound train on the Erie Railway, at the westward end of the Bergen Tunnel on Tuesday.

S. E. Merrell's flour mill at Paterson was nearly destroyed on Tuesday by taking fire from the iron smoke-stack. The loss is about \$4,000; insured in Newark Philadelphia companies.

The taxable property in Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Union and Bergen counties has increased from \$180,596,483 in 1865, to \$357,189,919 in 1872, nearly doubling in seven years.

One day last week a handsomely attired lady and fashionably dressed gentleman entered Judge Horsley's Court, in Jersey City, and requested that official to multiply them into one. They gave their names as John H. Ferguson of Montreal, and Emeline O. Crosby of Toronto, Canada. The rite was performed and they departed for New York.

John Wilson is a brakeman on a Minnesota railway. The other day he heard of a train snowed in seven miles distant, and not being on duty, procured a large quantity of crackers and cheese, enveloped himself in a cloak with a hood, and with the wind blowing a gale and the thermometer twenty-seven degrees below zero, started out on foot to relieve the hungry passengers. Although he felt his feet and ears freezing, he trudged on until he reached the train almost exhausted and unable to speak distinctly. The grateful passengers thawed him out as well as they were able, and one of them, John Lawlor, Esq., of Prairie du Chien, who had some ladies under his care, took from his own neck a massive gold chain, and putting it around Wilson's neck, exclaimed, "It's a pretty good man that has worn that chain, but I've found a better, and he shall have it."

A telegram from Harrisburg, Penn., to the N. Y. Times states that an important railroad bill was sent to the Governor for his signature to-day. It grants privileges that will enable the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, through the Montgomery and New-Hope Railroad, to connect with the Belvidere (N. J.) road, and thus to secure a through route to New-York City. This legislation is designed to circumvent the action of the New-Jersey Legislature toward the

Pennsylvania Railroad, which authority, in incorporating the National Railroad Company, sought to defeat the Pennsylvania Central in its efforts to secure eastern connections. There is little doubt of the Governor's signing the bill now in his hands, and with this advantage, Col. Scott can bid defiance to his New-Jersey rivals, and will speedily form a close connection with the Empire City.

It is said that the long and widely known firm of Ball, Black & Co., propose to close up their business and retire during the coming Spring. The building, which is one of the finest business edifices on Broadway, N. Y., is advertised for private sale.

NEW BOOKS.

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In this work our American history, from the discovery by Columbus to the time of President Grant's Administration is given in a concise form. Prominent names, important events, dates, etc., are printed in bold type, thus at once arresting the attention. It is used as a text book in the Stevens High School, at Hoboken, and elsewhere throughout the country with marked success. As an office book for reference, and for the family library we shall consider it a valuable compend.

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MARRIED.

JOHNSON—PERSONETTE—At Verona, on the 19th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. S. Gilbert, J. Lawrence Johnson, of Newark, N. J., to Sarah Alice, daughter of Hon. Stephen Personette, M. D., of the former place.

DIED.

JACOBS—At Montclair, Jan. 29th, Fannie, wife of Wm. B. Jacobs, in the 26th year of her age. The relative and friends, also watching Lodge No. 134, I. O. O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the M. E. Church, on Friday, Jan. 31, at 2 P. M. Relatives and friends will meet at the house of her father, John Post, at 1 1/2 P. M.

ROSENBERG—At Bloomfield, Jan. 27th, Augusta, wife of John Rosenberg, in the 42d year of her age.

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